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WHY THERE IS NO REJOICING.

Any observant person must notice the difference with which war news is received now from what it was last year. Then everybody was anxious to know what was going on. Newspapers were eagerly sought and read. Every rumor of a battle threw the people into a state of excitement, and every victory, no matter how small, was the signal for a general jollification. Now, outside of the relatives of the soldiers there no one seems to know there is any fighting going on every day in the Philippines. The news of battles and victories attracts little attention. Nobody buys papers on account of war news, yet there has been more fighting in Luzon in the past thirty days than there was in both the Cuban and Porto Rican campaigns. The people apparently have no interest in the Philippine conquest.

There is a reason for this difference of feeling on the part of the people. Last year there was enthusiasm over the Cuban campaign, because the American soldiers were fighting to liberate a people from the galling yoke of the Spanish monarchy. There was nothing in the butchery of Filipinos to inspire enthusiasm. There is no great principle of eternal justice involved, or if there is we are not on the right side of it. Our soldiers are shooting down men who believe they are fighting for their homes, their firesides and their liberty—who believe they are fighting to keep off a yoke of servitude as galling as that imposed by Spain. The American people know this and that is why they refuse to grow enthusiastic over the victories of our soldiers.

If those battles were for the freedom of an oppressed people how the shouts would go up over every victory! How the cannons would boom, and the church bells ring! But deep down in his heart, every honest American feels that this carnage, this bloodshed is somehow a mistake—that it is unnecessary, and perhaps, after all little less than murder—that somebody, somehow, has made a terrible blunder.

We may try to solace ourselves with the reflection that the Filipinos are merely savages; but, after all, we can not escape the knowledge that they are human, that they love their wives, their homes, their families and native land with the same love and the same ardor that inspires us to rally to a man when there is even a rumor of an assault by a foreign foe. The American people are too much imbued with the spirit of fair play to rejoice over the continued success of our brave soldiers when we know those victories mean the defeat of a cause so sacred as that of national freedom, and a cause in which, were we the assaulted nation, we would expect to die to a man ere we raised the white flag of surrender.—Hutchinson Saturday Bee.

Boxing Contest.

The meeting of Fitzpatrick and Bothum, in a display of skill in the "manly art" took place Saturday evening in the basement of the Wilner block, under Kinney's restaurant. The contest was to be a ten round bout, but the country boy from Stafford county threw up the sponge at the end of the sixth round.

It was a very good exhibition of scientific boxing on the part of Fitzpatrick, and a good display of grit, muscle and endurance of punishment on the part of Bothum. The latter was, however, outclassed from the start. He was a much larger man than Fitzpatrick, but lacked in training, skill and toughness. It is thought by many who saw the contest that, in a rough-and-tumble fight, without regard to scientific rules or the ethics of polite pugilism, he would have made the gritty Fitz bite the dust.

Lawyer Winterburn, of Ia Crosse, was referee, and about 175 persons attended the show, at 50 and 75 cents a head.

TUESDAY'S election settled the question of who will have charge of city affairs for the next two years. These gentlemen have it in their power to make many much needed improvements in conditions of a public nature. We earnestly hope that they will set their minds to the task of straightening out that which is crooked, laying the foundation for continued improvements and conducting city affairs in a manner that will be practical, economical and for the general good of all. In this they will have the hearty cooperation of all good and loyal citizens, and while the approbation of these citizens will be the only reward the mayor and council will have, outside of their own personal pride, we believe that will be considered full and sufficient pay. Let 1899 commence an era of unanimous action for Great Bend's good upon the part of all. If there be kickers and scandal-mongers to stir up strife and discord, let us drum them from the town. Great Bend should be too warm a place for those who would slander and misrepresent her. Our people are honest, loyal and law-abiding as a general rule; the snapping and snarling of a few unregenerates who have in the past made a whole lot of noise with the hope of creating the impression that this city was the home of a band of thieves and outlaws has been annoying, but we believe it has done no lasting harm to the commonwealth.

der of our city will have no effect upon the result of the municipal contest, therefore we hope no one will be so foolish as to say we write a line of this for political effect. We feel it our duty to denounce any slander of our town or county, without regard to any party or policy, and we believe that 999 out of every 1000 of our citizens will uphold us in the effort.

When the inland lake is completed which we have no doubt it will be in the very near future, it will be possible then for all us western newspaper men to go yachting, and really enjoy that which we have heard so much about the upper crust doing.—Cliffin Clarion.

CORRECT you are, Oscar. And we can then expect a chance to hob-nob with such jolly old sports as Chauncy Depew, Grover Cleveland, Barney Sheridan and Ted Roosevelt. They'll all want to come to the greatest inland lake in the world for summer fishing and duck shooting.

THE "governor should sign the death warrants for Gilbert and Moore at the first opportunity," says the Hutchinson Interior Herald. Our sentiments exactly, and the people of the whole state would endorse the act. Such brutes as Gilbert and Moore have no right to live.—Ellinwood Leader.

How about that Topeka silk-stock, John Collins, who killed his own father? Will you recommend that Governor Stanley sign his death warrant also?



It has "come to this," see?

A Very Shameful Libel.

The Beacon of last week issued a cartoon representing Great Bend in a very unenviable light, and in a manner that would cause people who may not have the opportunity of knowing that there is no foundation for the bad name the sensational slobber-catcher gives our town, to want to shun the place and keep their friends away from it. The cartoon represents the city council of Great Bend as issuing licenses to "gamblers, horse-thieves, jointists, burglars, sand-baggers, harlots and other necessary evils." The paper does not say in so many words that this is the state of affairs should the Beacon's ticket not win.

The DEMOCRAT finds no fault with any man for advocating his honest convictions. We admire a man who stays with his belief and makes all honest endeavor to impress upon others such belief. But no man, no newspaper, is warranted in resorting to low down, scurvy methods such as adopted in the Beacon of last week to influence voters. The editor of the Beacon has sufficient intelligence to know that he was slandering this city and every man, woman and child in it by even implying that the state of affairs pictured could be made possible.

A number of gentlemen, honorable and respected citizens, have had under consideration a plan to wreak summary punishment upon the foul defaming sheet, and were only deterred from doing so by the fact that a polecat if left alone will in time take himself and his unpleasantness off, of his own accord, and that there are times when it is safest and most politic to keep away from such an animal.

Possibly the DEMOCRAT is too close by to venture this criticism with impunity; but we cannot see the good name of Great Bend so besmirched without a vigorous protest. The city election is over, and what we have to say concerning this unwarranted slan-

Information To The Public. Never before in the history of this company have Remington Standard Bicycles met with such a popular reception as have the 1899 models, and our sample orders today as well as the number of agents appointed to date exceed that of any previous year.

Remember you can assure your trade that this manufactory covers about eight hundred thousand square feet of floor space and that the complete Remington bicycle is manufactured by us; we do not purchase a large number of our parts from outsiders.

The shield of a great name will always protect riders of Remington Bicycles. Yours respectfully, REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY. D. HUGH HALLADAY is our Agent for Barton Co., at Great Bend, Kans.

A Missouri editor whose wife is a strong woman's suffragist has sprung the following base rhyme on his readers: "Rockaby baby, your mamma is gone; she's at the caucuses, and will be till dawn: she wore papa's trousers, and in them looked queer, so hushaby baby, your papa is here. Rockaby baby, your mamma's a terror; she's run three conventions, delected for three fellows; she's great on the straddle, way up on a vote, so hushaby baby, your papa's the 'goat.' Rockaby baby, the dishes are clean, papa's done scrubbing and put on the beans; your mamma is late, seems always to lag, but heaven help papa if she comes home on a 'jag.'"

The "new reporter," who is never so much the subject as the object of amusing stories, appeared in Chicago journalism the other day, and was sent to investigate a quarrel. This, says the News, is what he wrote: "A man killed a dog belonging to another man. The son of the man proceeded to whip the man who had killed the dog of the man he was the son of. The man who was the son of the man whose dog was killed was arrested on complaint of the man who was assaulted by the son of the man whose dog the man who was assaulted had killed."

Call at our store and see our line of '99 Crescents. They are unexcelled for beauty, style, finish and material. GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

UN-OFFICIAL VOTE OF GREAT BEND CITY, APRIL 4, 1899.

WARDS.	Mayor.	Police Judge.	Atty.	Clerk.	Marshall.	Justice.	Councillors.	City Treasurer.	Assessor.	Com.
Hulme, C.	Swaine, L. R.	Gunnell, C. R.	Smith, L.	Russell, C. R.	Woodward, L.	Opie, C. R.	Shaffer, C.	Chapman, C. L. R.	Newton, L.	Albright, R.
First.....	81 113	88 29	79 44	91 31	77 41	6 0	43 39	47 16	43 31	84 38
Second....	113 121	142 80	132 69	149 81	128 102	3 87	129 40	64 57	66 25	126 05
Third....	146 151	157 101	170 120	160 106	116 128	189 45	53 79	59 42	61 34	79 17
Fourth....	98 79	107 67	105 61	105 54	73 83	19 64	41 51	53 32	47 05	20 07
Total.....	443 890	584 358	468 314	446 505	403 391	35	355 453	245 199	245 296	585 115
Majority. 44	270	172	181	171	17	100	218	130	40	225

Members of Council.
First Ward—C. G. Morrison 82
Wm. Jones 82
Morrison's majority 110
Second Ward—John Dickson 110
H. J. Smith 110
Dickson's majority 110
Third Ward—Thomas Clayton 117
Geo. Kincaid 117
Clayton's majority 117
Fourth Ward—L. N. Whitte 85
D. Hugh Halladay 85
Whitte's majority 117

Members of School Board.
First Ward—J. F. Lewis 77
Mrs. Seebler 77
Lewis' majority 103
Second Ward—R. A. Charles 103
D. G. Gibbons 103
Charles' majority 103
Third Ward—O. W. Dawson 117
A. H. Schaeffer 117
Dawson's majority 117
Fourth Ward—J. N. Woodward 57
E. P. Smith 57
Woodward's majority 117

CITY CLERK'S REPORT.

City of Great Bend, Kans.
Council Chamber, April 3, 1899.
City Clerk's Quarterly Report, Ending March 31st, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	
Jan. 1 '99, to balance on hand...	\$ 913.51
Jan. to licenses collected...	43.70
to taxes (co. treas.)...	3,395.93
Feb. licenses collected, and sale of park lumber, etc.	55.75
Mar. licenses collected and sale of park lumber and N. Y. check	40.53
Total...	\$ 4,429.42
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Election supplies, official pig. etc.	40.20
Lights for Dec. '98	9.83
Misc. supplies, repairs, etc.	24.04
Rent of Council Chamber	6.00
Salary atty, marshal, street comr. and clerk	174.50
City treas. commission and int.	831.75
Street, hose cart & hydrant, labor	44.54
Boarding paupers, etc.	87.35
Fire Co. services	39.00
Hydrant rental	1,375.00
Police Judge fees	5.50
Balance on hand April 1st, 1899	\$1,874.81
Total...	\$ 5,307.61

[SAL.] F. E. BROWN, City Clerk.

Sale Postponed. On account of bad weather the sale of stock, farm implements, etc., to have taken place on April 3d, was postponed to Wednesday, April 12th, at 10 a. m., at my place first house south of Arkansas River bridge, Great Bend. This sale will positively come off on the 12th. See bills for list of articles to be sold, and come out and get bargains.

G. STROBEL.

It was our pleasure this week to examine the '99 line of Crescent bicycles at the store of the Great Bend Imp. Co., and they certainly are beauties. The frames are absolutely plain with out stripes, and nicker, which gives to the wheel a nobby look, while the rosewood rim gives a decided and pleasing contrast. They are finished in either black or olive in solid case work, making an enamel that will last the life of the wheel. To those contemplating the purchase of a wheel this line offers special inducements in the matter of style and finish, and a personal investigation will show them to be great money savers.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Strobel's sale April 12th.

Tuesday was an ideal election day. Boston Baked Beans, at McCullough's. Alaska Pine Cough Syrup, Sold at Allen's.

Miss Leona Griffith went to Kansas City last week.

Chas Vancil quit the exchange store the 1st of April.

Buy you a team at Strobel's sale—Wednesday—April 12th.

Try the New Coal Yard.

WINTERBURG & NEWCOMBE.

Don't fail to try McCullough's Banana Pie, next Saturday.

"Kid" Aber is now with Woodward & Russell, the grocers.

James W. Clarke is slow to recover from his recent illness.

Alfalfa seed for sale, by the Great Bend Implement Co.

John A. Barth and wife were over from Cliffin, Saturday.

Mrs. F. A. Freeland is visiting her folks up in Wichita county.

Have you ever tried any of those Fresh Fish, at McCullough's.

Attorney D. A. Banta attended court at Kinsley the first of the week.

Ear and shelled corn for sale. WINTERBURG & NEWCOMBE.

John Wolf and Henry Koelsch were up from Ellinwood Monday.

Fred Harper the Olmitz school teacher was in town Saturday.

Alaska Pine Cough Syrup is "tried and true" Sold at Allen's Drug Store. The board of county commissioners will be in quarterly session next Tuesday.

John Bement, of the west side, was doing business in the county seat Monday.

Childrens coughs yield to Alaska Pine Syrup. Sold at Allen's Drug Store.

What is known as Cow Creek school, J. R. Brodie teacher, closed last Friday.

When it is completed, Mr. H. Grover's residence will be the finest on the east side of town.

Don't forget that McCullough's lunch counter is three doors south of First National Bank.

E. P. Smith was in Ellinwood last week, setting up a new engine for the Moses Bros. elevator.

We handle the best garden seeds we can buy. If you want a garden see us. GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

Say, that ground-hog proved himself as big a dodgasted fool as the editor of the Beacon—and that is useless.

The weather (and a whole lot of people who owe us about "steens years" subscription) ought to now settle.

J. M. Livesay was in from Grant township Monday, bringing in his returns as assessor of that township.

Dr. Phillips tells us he will be here again about the last of May. Watch for the announcement of his next dates.

Col. Greene has been very much indisposed for several weeks, but is now beginning to feel like himself again.

The old mayor and council will meet again Friday night to canvas the city election returns and allow election expenses.

An equitable assessment will enable our city school board to make some much needed repairs on the various school buildings.

Tom Brown came down from near Galatia, Monday, bringing his daughter, Miss Lizzie, down to commence a term at the college.

Remington Wheels, made by the well known Arms Co., have stood the test of years. It never disappoints. HALLADAY sells them.

There could not possibly have been a nicer day than Easter Sunday for the ladies to display their new toggery—and the churches were all full.

The first snow of April Sunday night. The next April snow is liable to come on the 4th of July. The weather clerks seem to be all rattled this year.

Miss Nora Cook, the dressmaker, has moved to rooms over McMican's store, on Forest avenue. See her advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

A little child of J. L. Oxley, south of the river, was buried Monday afternoon, funeral services being held at the Congregational church, Great Bend.

FARMS FOR SALE—11 miles west of Santa Fe depot; Great Bend; mostly under cultivation; balance fenced. For particulars enquire of M. Buena.



Martin Menzert of the vicinity of Olmitz, was a caller on the DEMOCRAT Saturday.

Mrs. D. C. Luce, of the 3d ward, was last week visiting friends and relatives in McPherson and Marion counties.

Mrs. Geo. Greene Sr. and Miss Ada Epstein entertained lady friends at Hotel Greene, Friday afternoon last.

Have you cleaned up about your premises yet? If not, the city marshal will "git you" if you don't watch out.

D. Hugh Halladay, the photographer, has for sale some neat C. N. C. buttons. Every college student ought to have one.

Glass eyes are said to now be made so deceiving that even the fellow who wears one cannot see through the deception.

A large number of the Stafford county men were in the city Saturday to attend the boxing contest between Fitzpatrick and Bothum.

Shafer & Culbertson make some prices this week which will be well worth the attention of the reader. See their ad., and call and see the goods.

A. W. Strong, who has a good farm about half way between Great Bend and Ellinwood, was in town Friday and made the DEMOCRAT a social visit.

Attend the G. Strobel sale of cows, horses, implements etc., first house south of Arkansas river bridge, Great Bend, April 12—Wednesday of next week.

Henry F. Miller, trustee of Buffalo township, was in town Saturday. He has completed his labors as township assessor, and thinks he has let no guilty man escape.

I shall move, on April 1st, into the Langham Shoe Store, and will be pleased to see all my old customers, as well as new ones, there.

DIFFENBACHER, THE TAILOR. W. B. Yates, late of Larned, has purchased of C. B. Handley the City Meat Market, in the Tribune building. See his advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the DEMOCRAT.

The Great Bend Implement Co. are showing the '99 line of Crescent bicycles and they certainly are beauties. If you think of buying a wheel, better see them as they are money savers.

Ambrose Baier, who has been in Burlington, Kansas, for the past few months, came up last week on a business visit to his home at Seward. He will be here probably two weeks.

If you want to reach the people who have cash to spend, and are liberal minded in all things, place an advertisement in the DEMOCRAT. That is the kind of people who read the DEMOCRAT.

John Chaney, of Newton, a Santa Fe engineer, has been in the city the past few days visiting his daughter, Mrs. Dock Morgan. Mrs. Morgan has been all for a time, but is now on the way to recovery.

The DEMOCRAT is a twelve page paper again this week. We will not cut down our reading matter to make room for advertisements. More ads. means more reading matter in the DEMOCRAT.

W. H. Grant was up from Ellinwood Saturday to the poultry association monthly meeting. The association meets on the last Saturday of each month, and more of the members should attend.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors and friends who have so kindly and willingly assisted us during the illness and death of our dear son and brother. JACOB RIEGEL AND FAMILY.

A little boy was going on a visit and was told before going, by his mamma, not to ask for anything to eat, as he had been in the habit of teasing for something at every place he went. He happened to call at his auntie's and walked around the room a few times. At last he thought of a plan and said: "Auntie, don't you think your cookies will get mouldy?"